

Elm School PTO General Meeting

Date and time: 10/09/13
Location: Elm School Faculty Lounge
Host: Erin Doppke
Attendees: Erin Doppke, Sheri Shaker, Catherine Dietrich, Cate Cook, Jeana Considine, Bhavani Ravi, Hala Alhindi, Stacy Kinnas, Monique Thanos

Called to Order at 1:45 PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept minutes made by Erin Doppke, seconded by Lori Brackett.
- Motion to have the meeting minutes that are sent out with Bowser notes to be sufficient notice of the minutes, and that we don't need printed copies at future meetings.
- Motion to accept made by Erin Doppke, seconded by Catherine Dietrich.

Report of Officers, Principal and Faculty

President **Erin Doppke** (erin@doppke.com, 630-234-8498)

- Thanks to all who worked so hard over the last month all Committee positions filled except for Nominating Committee.
- PTO Presidents Meeting highlights – none.

President-Elect **Catherine Dietrich**

- Researched options for online commerce, and pay pal is our only option to pursue.
- Still deciding if we should charge more for fund raising items to absorb the cost.
- We need to start our calendar for just PTO events.

VP Ways & Means **Dawn Wood**

- Rummage sale was a success we raised \$3,800.00.
- PNO at Cine Oct.9th buy raffle tickets before or there, and a portion of drink sales and all tips will go to Elm School.
- First restaurant fundraiser at Homemade Pizza Co. for Oct.23rd.
- We have the date for our evening fundraiser 3/22/14, and it will be at Ruth Lake CC.
- Please bring in your Box Tops still collecting them until Oct. 29th.

VP Programs **Cate Cook and Lori Brackett**

- Great Scott the magician is coming to Elm October 31st.

Treasurers **Trista Negele and Bhavani Ravi**

- Financial policies have been formalized. Items that pertain to PTO are available through the treasurer, and in the office. Items that pertain to a certain committee are available through the committee chair and the treasurer.
- The Executive Board has approved \$1,000.00 for general fund raising. Originally this was not budgeted for. Therefore, an exec vote was taken and a general fundraising category was added to the budget.
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Secretaries **Sheri Shaker and Diane Ray**

No report.

Principal **Jeana Considine**

- Please continue to practice car safety drop off/pick up remember to stop in all in directions for our crossing guards.
- Committees need to report all events to school calendar, and then it can go to Elm PTO calendar.
- Title one benefits are focusing on offering tutoring for our fee waiver families. Will offer updates at our monthly meetings.

Faculty

Jill Berry

- Our guest author Alice Maginty is coming to Elm Oct.10th.
- Check the MRC website schedule families are invited to sign up and come see our guest authors too.
- We are looking forward to another visiting author Steve Gotley who will be at Elm at the end of the month.

Guest Visit: Chef Laura

- Wants to have an after school cooking class there would be 6 week sessions each class is 1-1/2 hours.
- We need a volunteer to get this program going each class has to have one parent volunteer.
- The cost would be \$150.00 per session.
- Cooking classes will be incorporating what is being taught in their other classes.

Committee Reports

Art Awareness

Hala Alhindi

- We have a lot of returning volunteers which is great.
- We will be featuring a Spanish artist for our 5th graders.

Directory

Sung-Lana Kim

- Directories will be going out next week.

Junior Great books

Stacy Kinnas

- We still need volunteers, and you will be trained if interested contact Stacy.
- Reading and discussion with a facilitator.
- Starts up in mid January.

Health and Safety

Sarah Nadeem

- Internet Safety event after winter break.
- Bike safety and Walk to School was a success.

Welcome Coffee

Stacy Kinnas

Nominating Committee

TBD

Room Parents

Christina Coate

- Still need a room parent for Mrs. Debolt's class.

Yearbook

- Forms went out so please get them to Monica Sehgal by Nov. 15th.

SELAS

Hala Alhindi and Lena Touleimat

- There will be three different theme weeks.
- Red Ribbon week will be last week of Oct.
- An assembly week in Jan.
- An earth week in the spring.

Special Lunch

Nadine Gilbert, Gonzalo Montoya, & Monica Guttmann

- Kids love it, and got two more people this week because kids like the food so much.

Spiritwear

Carla Cooper and Monique Thanos

No report.

Old Business

- eSparks funding was approved!
- Mr. Haeger was excited in explaining the new program it will be a great use of the ipads.
- Personalized learning on ipads they will download data from MAPS test which will show the areas they need to improve.
- These areas have to meet the grade standards which will be discussed with the teacher and student.
- eSpark and teacher will monitor students progress.
- They will take a post-test to see if there are improvements.
- They repeat if necessary.

- This program is really tied to the skills they need help in, and can help them catch up in those areas.

New Business

- None

Adjourned at 2:50

Notes submitted this 9th of October by Sheri Shaker (sherishaker@comcast.net), Secretary.